WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method comprising:

subscribing to a status for one or more conference system users of a content based messaging (CBM) network;

receiving messages including the status of the one or more conference system users corresponding to the subscription from the CBM network; and

presenting the status of the one or more conference system users.

2.   The method of claim 1 wherein presenting the status includes presenting the status that a user is offline.

3.   The method of claim 1 wherein presenting the status includes presenting the status that a user is online and not engaged in a conference.

4.   The method of claim 1 wherein presenting the status includes presenting the status that a user is online and engaged in a conference.

5.   The method of claim 1 wherein presenting the status includes providing an indication of the status associated with a user identifier in a contact list.

6.   The method of claim 5 further comprising inviting a user to engage in a conference by selecting the user identifier in the contact list.

7.   The method of claim 1 further comprising publishing a user status to the CBM network.

8.   The method of claim 7 wherein publishing the user status includes publishing that the user is offline.

9.   The method of claim 7 wherein publishing the user status includes publishing that the user is online and not engaged in a conference.

10. The method of claim 7 wherein publishing the user status includes publishing that the user is online and engaged in a conference.

11. A content based message network comprising:

an interface to receive subscriptions to a status for one or more conference system users of the content based messaging (CBM) network and to receive published information including the status of the one or more conference system users;

a processor to compute the subscriptions, to generate messages including the status for the one or more users, and to send the messages to client devices corresponding to the computed subscriptions; and

an output to deliver the messages.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein the status indicates that a user is offline, online and not engaged in a conference, or online and engaged in a conference.

13. The system of claim 11 further comprising a user interface configured to generate one or more subscriptions to user status, to receive the delivered status messages, and to present the status of an associated user.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein the user interface is configured to generate a contact list, the contact list providing an indication of the status associated with a user identifier based on the delivered status messages.

15. The system of claim 13 wherein the user interface is configured to invite a user to engage in a conference by selecting the user identifier in the contact list.

16. The system of claim 13 wherein the user interface is configured to publish a user status to the CBM network.

17.   The system of claim 16 wherein the user status indicates that the user is offline, online and not engaged in a conference, or online and engaged in a conference.

18.   A client device comprising:

an interface to receive messages from a content based messages (CBM) network including a status of one or more conference system users;

a processor to subscribe to the status messages and process the status messages for presentation; and

an interface to present the status of the one or more conference system users.

19.   The client device of claim 18 wherein the interface is configured to present that a user is offline.

20.   The client device of claim 18 wherein the interface is configured to present that a user is online and not engaged in a conference.

21.   The client device of claim 18 wherein the interface is configured to present that a user is online and engaged in a conference.

22.   The client device of claim 18 wherein the user interface is configured to present a contact list and an indication of the status associated with a user identifier in the contact list.

23.   The client device of claim 22 the processor is configured to invite a user to engage in a conference based on a selection of the user identifier in the contact list.

24.   The client device of claim 18 the processor is configured to publish a user status to the CBM network.

25.   The client device of claim 24 wherein the user status indicates that the user is offline.

26.   The client device of claim 24 wherein publishing the user status indicates that the user is online and not engaged in a conference.

27.   The client device of claim 24 wherein publishing the user status indicates that the user is online and engaged in a conference.

28.   A computer program product comprising instructions to cause a processor to:

subscribe to a status for one or more conference system users of a content based messaging (CBM) network;

receive messages including the status of the one or more conference system users corresponding to the subscription from the CBM network; and

present the status of the one or more conference system users.

29.   The computer program product of claim 28 wherein the instructions present the status that a user is offline, online and engaged in a conference, or online and not engaged in a conference.

30.   The computer program product of claim 28 further comprising instructions to cause a processor to present in a contact list an indication of the status associated with a user identifier.

31.   The computer program product of claim 30 further comprising instructions to cause a processor to invite a user to engage in a conference based on selection of the user identifier in the contact list.

32.   The computer program product of claim 28 further comprising instructions to cause a processor to publish a user status to the CBM network.

33. The computer program product of claim 32 wherein the user status indicates that the user is offline, online and engaged in a conference, or online and not engaged in a conference.